



Alfred J. Blasco, pictured above, is the new chairman of the Board of Councilors. Below is Edward Tharnhill who is the new Vice Chairman of the Board. Both men took office following their election at the June Board meeting.



Sister Morie Georgette, right, and Thomas Taff, left, display equipment received by the college through a grant from the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co. The \$2000 worth of equipment includes audio-visual machines for use in education classes. Sister Marie Georgette is chairman of the department of education and psychology. Mr. Taff is a member of the education faculty.

Elect Alfred J. Blasco To Board Chairmanship

The Avila Board of Councilors began a new year following election of officers at the June meeting. Elected chairman of the board for a two-year term, 1965-67, was Alfred J. Blasco, chairman of the executive committee of Interstate Securities Company, Kansas City, Mo.

Elections were held at the regular June meeting on Thursday, June 3. Elected to serve with Mr. Blasco as vice-chairman was Edward Thornhill, partner in the Klughardt Machinery Company, Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. Blasco assumes the position held by John B. Bachofer, president of Nelly Don Inc., since 1961. The new chairman indicated that he would follow the progressive promotion of Avila College which had been the work of Mr. Bachofer.

New committees were announced with the following serving as chairmen: Charles S. Stevenson, retired vice-president of Hallmark Cards Inc., will head the Community Relations Committee; Norman P. Gordon, Kansas City lawyer, will chair the Bequests and Wills Committee; Mrs. E. E. Clarkson will be chairman of the Scholarship Sponsors Committee; and Robert Muntzel will head the Plant Development Committee. Leo Kelly will serve as chairman of the Finance Committee with Roy Daly, Jr., appointed chairman of the Continuing Support program, a sub-committee of the Finance Committee.

The new chairman of the Board is a Knight Commander of the Holy Sepulchre, chairman of the board at St. Anthony's Home, and past president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Kansas City chapter of the American Institute of Banking, and Serra Club. He is a member of the Public Accommodations Committee and the Mayor's Professional Theater Planning Committee.

Mr. Thornhill is a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre and is president of Serra Club. He is a board member of the Catholic Community Service and the Joyce Kilmer Club.

The two officers and the committee chairmen form the President's Council, the executive governing body of the Board. The Council will hold the first monthly meeting of the new year on Wednesday, July 21, at 3:30 p.m. New programs for the coming year will be outlined and plans made for their execution.

The Board works closely with Sister Olive Louise, college president, and her faculty in promoting the growth and development of Avila College.



Focus: Contemporary Social Ills

Current Social Problems or Sociology 12 is listed several times in the Avila College catalog. Noted on one set of pages is the fact that Sociology 12 is required of students before graduation. On another page the course is described as "an analysis of the nature, causes, and types of social problems of contemporary society, efforts to eliminate or alleviate the problems."

The course, while not new on the Avila class rosters, was revised several years ago when it was placed on the required list. Its present structure is a result of faculty awareness that women need knowledge of the society into which they will graduate and in which they are expected to take an active part. The professor responsible for the course is Thomas A. Webster who came to Avila in 1962 with all the knowledge necessary to organize and teach the required course.

Using the total of Western civilization as a background for the growth of social problems, Professor Webster directs his students into examinations of juvenile delinquency, crime, chronic alcoholism, narcotic addiction, suicide, mental disorders, divorce, desertion, unemployment, chronic dependency, health and medical care, education, the expanding population problem, group prejudice and discrimination, the aged and aging, Catholic-Protestant relations, and automation. Students explore the historical reasons for these problems, how they are aggravated, and how society copes with them.

To increase student understanding, Professor Webster uses various teaching methods. His classes make visits to organizations and agencies which deal with these problems. Guest lecturers are invited to classes. Films, debates, discussions, and role playing are used.

Thomas Webster, above, the originator of the course described here has been a member of the Avila faculty since 1962. Prior to coming to Avila, Professor Webster taught at Central Junior High School, Kansas City, Mo., and at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo. For many years he held the position of executive director of the Urban League of Kansas City. Now chairman of the department of social studies at Avila College, Professor Webster has his graduate degree from the University of Kansas. Last summer he received a grant from the University of Colorado for study of early American Indian cultures, a study done on location in the southwestern portion of the United States.

Students in the sociology class visit K-9 headquarters at Leeds, Mo. Shown with the commanding officer are Patricia Chattertan, center, and Dianne Zahner, right.



Another field trip was to the Police Department Headquarters in Kansas City, Mo. In the show-up room are Margie Martin, left, and Marie Anderson, right.

Aim:

Understanding and Commitment

A course such as Current Social Problems answers a need, Sister Patricia Marie, the academic dean of Avila, says. "Our approach to preparing women for their place in today's society is somewhat unique," Sister explains. "Most colleges are offering courses directed toward students understanding their role as women. We want students to understand the world in which they must live and to become involved through service," Sister says.

By helping students know what they as women can do for society, Sister believes that the college graduate finds joy and fulfillment through using her abilities to help others. In practice, the college is turning the modern question concerning woman's place in society away from the personal soul-searching to the broader concept of what woman can contribute.

Student Reaction

Varying degrees of appreciation were expressed by students who completed the course this past June. One student's reaction was typical. When first asked her opinion of the Current Social Problems class she replied "It's all right." Then on being asked if it accomplished the stated aims, the student went into detailed exclamations.

To this student, the course meant new dimensions in understanding present-day problems. "Mr. Webster was able to make us really see what poverty was like and the many problems involved in solving the poverty problem, for example," she said. "Probably the best thing about the class was the realness of everything we studied. You know how much of college study is theory. Well this course makes us see the problems for what they are in everyday living," the student continued. "Now I have a good idea of what needs to be done to solve some of these problems, how hard this might be, and what I can do as a voting adult and citizen," she finished.



Borboro Nickle '64, above, and Marcia O'Neil '64, below, begin a year with the Lay Extension Volunteers in August. Miss Nickle and her co-worker will be the first volunteers in California. She will live at Honford, California, in the San Joaquin Valley where she will do parish work. Miss O'Neil will work with the Newmon Club of South Colorado State College at Pueblo, Colorado.



Mary Kostoryz, left, and Joan Le-lond Krupco, center, both 1963 graduates with majors in sociology, are coworkers with the Jackson



County, Missouri, Welfare Office. Eloine Huffmon, right, a classmate, is also a co-worker at the welfare office.



News from Alumnae

Bernadine Abbott Hoduski '59 writes from Denver, where she has been studying for a Master's, that she expects to graduate on Aug. 20.

Ann Banfield '62 has been teaching English literature at Emanuel College in Boston. Ann, who received the M.A. from Catholic U. and an assistantship in French at Kansas University in 1963-64, plans to begin work on her doctorate in 1965-66.

Rita Treadwell Johnson '52 writes from Morrow, Ga., "Charles has a very good general practice, but it keeps him quite busy. We have four lovely children: Michael, who is 8; Kathy, who was 7 in January; Barbara, who is 5; and our newest is Charles, who was one year on Dec. 28."

Monica Chung '61 visited the campus recently and presented the college with a beautiful pair of decorative brass plates from Korea, where she is stationed as a flight hostess with Northwest Airlines.

Linda Grace '61, who is with the U.S. State Dept., has completed her tour of duty in Lebanon and is now assigned to New Delhi, India.

Anna May Hogan Smith '24 was delighted to learn that her daughter, Sister Mary Avila, C.S.J. '49, will join the faculty of Avila College as professor of history upon her return from India, where she is studying during the summer.

Lucille Smith Putnam '26 attended the state convention of Republican Federated Women's Clubs in Jefferson City in June. Mrs. Putnam is a committeewoman from the 9th ward in Kansas City, Mo.

Marjorie Wagy Sadler '59, guidance counselor at Glendale High in Phoenix, will attend a summer Guidance Institute in Tucson.

Ellen O'Hern Meiners '58 will be in Kansas City with her family for a vacation during the summer. She writes from Ashland, N.J. that they were visited in February by Barbara Hefler Stewart '58 and her husband, and the two families were routed out of bed by a midnight fire which destroyed part of the home. None of the occupants was seriously hurt.

Fall Homecoming Plans

Homecoming will be held on the college campus on Sunday, October 3, according to an announcement made by the alumnae office. A schedule of events, registration form, and ballot for the election of national officers for 1965-66 will be mailed to alumnae during the summer.



Sister Mary Pachamia, third from left above, holds the plaque which she received at a reception honoring her on Saturday, June 12. Sister Pachamia retires this summer after teaching 42 years at Avila College. Among the friends and former students attending the reception were Mrs. Alfred J. Blasca, Mr. Blasca, Sister Pachamia, Sister Olive Louise, college president, and Miss Geraldine Sulzer '55.

Welcome Graduates Into Association

The sixty-three members of the 1965 graduating class were welcomed to the Avila College Alumnae Association following Baccalaureate ceremonies, May 29. The presentation was made by Jesdon Haake McCowen '64, who represented the national alumnae organization.

Mrs. McCowen told the graduates, "It is the objective of the Alumnae Association that . . . through the years your involvement with the college will deepen. The best alumna is the one who . . . wants to continue to be a part of the growth of the college from which she graduated, who wants to do something creative for the college. This may take the form of serving on a committee, helping to begin an alumnae chapter in another city, contributing to the alumnae fund, or helping to select students to receive alumnae scholarships."

The class was also reminded of the social aspects of alumnae activities, with the annual Kansas City Chapter cocktail party, Homecoming, and other events during the year.

THINK DOUBLE WHEN YOU GIVE TO THE 1965 ALUMNAE FUND DRIVE. If a substantial number of alumnae who give annually would double their gift over last year, half the goal of \$10,000 would be met. If double the number of alumnae would give who gave last year, the goal would be met.

Figures for the fund at press time are:

95 alumnae have contributed.....	\$1,519
3 alumnae have pledged.....	70
1 senior (class of '65) contributed.....	250
1 senior pledged.....	5
Other gifts (parents, matching, etc.).....	100
TOTAL.....	\$1,944

Special thanks to the Personal Solicitation Committee: *San Francisco*: Joan Nikolai Kilian '50; *Denver*: Barbara Field Meyer '61; *Dallas*: Carolyn Bousman Cipolla '59; *Kansas City*: Loree Dallam Breed '63; Grace Conrad Fleming-ton '39; Catherine Aylward Hayes '38; Mary E. Hessel Heiman '47; Helen Fitz-

simmons Jaeger '53; Mary Agnes Medill Kitch'in '57; Ann Morris Meyers '55; Louise Gleeson Modica '36; Maria La-Salla Mueller '47; Mary Jane Weissbeck Murray '55; Helen Dierks Neenan '43; Laurelle O'Leary '38; Aileen Conlan Steffen '57; Arden Sickman Weis '60.

Alumnae Notes

Marriages

Michele Bien '64 to Don Sharp. Marie De-Graeve '64 to William L. Justice. Joyce Ann Diel '63 to William Forbis, Jr. Rosemary Engel '64 to Lawrence H. Fahlstrom, Jr. Barbara Field '61 to Bernard A. Meyer. Janice George '59 to John W. Stephens. Kathleen Hegarty '64 to Ronald L. Williams. Virginia Hogan '32 to Owen F. Murphy. Cathy Iuen '63 to John S. Willens. Patricia Klaus '64 to Joseph M. Owens. Susan Kraus '57 to Gerald Daly. Jean Lehane '63 to Richard C. Krupco. Elaine Lunn '59 to E. A. Thomas. Lesta McConnell '52 to Vernon W. Powers. Mary K. Schurig '64 to Timothy Sullivan. Carol Skorupan '64 to Ronald E. Cop. Patricia Stewart '58 to Michael Kuhn.

Daughters to:

Joanne Donahue Bryant '51 (May 26, 1964). The Bryants are living in Talara, Peru, where he is employed by the International Petroleum Corp. Ann Burlingame Feeney '58. Susan Mc-Michael Langenheim '61 (Ann Elizabeth, Dec. 21).

Sons to:

Mary B. Davis Cowherd '63 (Thomas Edward,

Jr., Jan. 26). Patricia Durrant Schuller '62 (Michael Patrick, Oct. 6). Juliet Randall Vincent '57 (Alexander Craig, May 22).

In Memoriam

Father of Mary Ellen Dunn Daly '39. Father of Christine Hodge Epperly '64. Father of Geraldine Finucane Geisel '51. Father of Anne LaBonte Hennessey '64. Mother of Gail deJean Lavis '57. Father of Michaela Sheehy '64. Father of Patricia Ketterlin Welsh '57.

Plaudits to:

Loree Dallam Breed '63, who received the M.A. in English at the University of Mo. at Kansas City. "Pat" has been attending UMKC under a teaching assistantship.

Rosemary Cannon '60, who has joined the faculty of Washington University as an instructor in the School of Nursing.

Martha Campbell Gilford '46, who received the M.A. in Education from UMKC.

Dorothy Hain '62, who received the M.S. in Mathematics from Kansas University.

Lucy Wilde '65, who received a graduate assistantship to Rosary College, River Forest, Ill. Lucy will do graduate work in library science.

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